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With regard to the above-identified application, the item of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is brought to the attention of the Examiner.

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Consideration of the item listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked

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